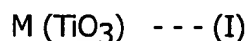


**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claim 1. (previously presented): A perovskite titanium-containing composite oxide particle having a composition represented by general formula (I), wherein the specific surface area is 28 to about 200 m<sup>2</sup>/g, the specific surface area diameter D<sub>1</sub> of primary particles defined by formula (II) is about 10 to 50 nm, and a D<sub>2</sub>/D<sub>1</sub> ratio of the average particle size D<sub>2</sub> of secondary particles to D<sub>1</sub> is about 1 to about 10:



wherein M is at least one of Ca, Sr, Ba, Pb, or Mg,

$$D_1 = 6 / \rho S \quad - - - (II)$$

wherein  $\rho$  is the density of the particles, and S is the specific surface area of the particles.

Claims 2-5. (canceled).

Claim 6. (previously presented): The perovskite titanium-containing composite oxide particle as claimed in claim 1, wherein the particle is obtained by removing a dispersion medium from a sol in which the perovskite titanium-containing composite oxide particle is dispersed, wherein said sol is obtained by a process comprising the step of reacting a titanium oxide

particle comprising brookite crystalline form with a metal salt comprising at least one of Ca, Sr, Ba, Pb, or Mg in a liquid phase.

Claims 7-13. (canceled).

Claim 14. (original): The perovskite titanium-containing composite oxide particle as claimed in claim 1, wherein M represents Sr.

Claims 15-16. (canceled).

Claim 17. (previously presented) The perovskite titanium-containing composite oxide particle as claimed in claim 1, wherein the particle is obtained by removing a dispersion medium from a sol in which the perovskite titanium-containing composite oxide particle is dispersed, wherein said sol is obtained by a process comprising the step of reacting a titanium oxide sol prepared by subjecting a titanium salt to hydrolysis in an acid solution with a metal salt comprising at least one of Ca, Sr, Ba, Pb, or Mg in a liquid phase.

Claims 18-21. (canceled).

Claim 22. (previously presented): The perovskite titanium-containing composite oxide particle according to claim 1, consisting of a composition represented by general formula (I).

Claim 23. (previously presented): The perovskite titanium-containing composite oxide particle according to claim 6, consisting of a composition represented by general formula (I).

Claim 24. (previously presented): The perovskite titanium-containing composite oxide particle according to claim 17, consisting of a composition represented by general formula (I).

Claim 25. (new): The perovskite titanium-containing composite oxide particle according to claim 1, wherein the average particle size  $D_2$  of secondary particles is about 0.22  $\mu\text{m}$  or less.